

JAPS HEAD FOR YIN KOW

Twenty transports with troops steaming toward New Chwang.

RUSSIAN NAVY IS HELPLESS

To prevent the landing of large bodies of troops—another lull in affairs of Far East.

April 18.—The city of Yokohama from all directions is being visited by the Russian fleet. The Russian fleet is unable longer to maintain its position in the waters of the Pacific. A despatch from London Sunday last gave the number of Japanese troops as having been sent to the direction of the Russian fleet. The general opinion is that the Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

RUSSIAN ADVANCES

Leave Flanks Exposed As Invitation For An Attack.

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MAKAROFF'S WIDOW

Is Provided With An Annual Pension of \$10,000.

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PRIVER AND HARBOR BILL

Passed by the House Approved By Senate After Amendment.

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FIRST COLORED MAN

To Enlist With North in Civil War is Dead.

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CHAN POWERS SHOTS WELL.

Kees the High Score at the Kansas City Meet.

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CONGRESS ALMOST THROUGH

Members are Striving to Reach an Adjournment on the 28th of This Month.

IMPORTANT BILLS OUT OF WAY.

Washington, April 18.—April 28 continues to be adjournment week toward which leaders in both houses are striving. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

FIND MANY THOUSANDS

Discovery at Milwaukee Leads to Belief That Great Money Has Been Found.

Milwaukee, April 18.—In a box, in a safety deposit vault, a few weeks ago by a servant, a girl, was found today over \$20,000 cash in bonds and a number of warehouse receipts, certifying to the storage of thousands of dollars worth of valuable goods. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

HE SEEKS TO CHEAT CALLOWS

NIEDERMEYER, ONE OF THE STREET CAR BANDITS MAKES ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE.

OPENS VEINS WITH A PENCIL

Bled Like a Stuck Hog But Will Recover in Time to Be Legally Executed.

Chicago, April 18.—Peter Niedermeier, leader of the car bandits, condemned to die on the gallows Friday, made two desperate attempts at suicide today. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

TRIED IT AGAIN.

While lying on the gallows, unconscious with guards standing by, Niedermeier made a second attempt at self-destruction. With both arms under the bed clothing, Niedermeier stealthily removed the bandages from the wounds and with sharp finger nails of his right hand he cut the veins of his left arm and the blood began to spurt from the lacerated veins. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

WILL BE WELL IN TIME.

Tonight the condition of Niedermeier was much improved and it was announced that in a day or two he would be entirely recovered. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

BOUGHT DEATH WITH PENKNIFE

Frederick Shoemaker Makes Sensational Attempt at Suicide.

Des Moines, Ia., April 18.—Frederick Shoemaker, well dressed and apparently wealthy, attempted to commit suicide before the horrified gaze of the passengers on a Northwestern passenger train between this city and Grand Junction by cutting his throat with a pen knife. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

BLOODY BATTLE

Fought Between the Turks and Bulgarians.

Salonica, Eastern Europe, April 18.—Serious fighting has taken place between the Turks and Bulgarians at the Vardar, sixty-two miles from Salonica. Many were killed on both sides. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS

MET AT ALBANY YESTERDAY AND DECLARED FOR PARKER FOR PRESIDENT.

THE EFFORT OF TAMMANY

To Vote Down Instructions Was Defeated by Large Majority—Platform Agreed To.

Albany, N. Y., April 18.—The democratic state convention selected the following delegates at large to the national convention. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

THE PLATFORM

The platform renews pledges of fidelity to the essential principles of Jeffersonian democracy, and declares "This is a government of the people, one law for the president, cabinet and people; no usurpation no executive encroachment upon legislative or judicial departments."

TAMMANY AGAINST PARKER.

When Parker's name was mentioned the audience rose to the occasion with the exception of the Tammany delegates, and cheered loudly. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

POWELL GIVES NOTICE

That He Will Take Decisive Steps in San Domingo.

San Domingo, April 18.—United States Minister Powell informed the minister of foreign affairs today that in event of any foreign power attempting to force a settlement of claims of its citizens, excluding claims of the United States, he would in the name of his government take immediate charge of all custom houses of the government, place in each a military guard and protect the same in the interest of the United States creditors, basing his action upon the recent decision of the Hague tribunal. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

KILLED BY STRANGULATION

Sensational Evidence in Trial of C. W. Graves at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Ia., April 18.—The first day of the trial of C. W. Graves, accused of strangling his wife and then pouring kerosene on her body and setting fire to the house to conceal the evidence of his crime was sensational. Four doctors swore Mrs. Graves' death was caused by strangulation. Evidence was also produced to the effect that Graves had been seen to leave the house twenty minutes before the burning of the body was found. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION.

In Annual Session At Washington Discussed Constitution Amendments.

Washington, April 18.—The afternoon session of the Daughters of the American Revolution was devoted to the consideration of amendments to the constitution. A reception occupied the evening and no session was held. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

THE LOCAL WEATHER.

The local weather conditions for the 24 hours ended at 7 p. m. Monday night as reported by J. H. Connor, government observer, follow: High 64, Low 40, Wind S.W. 40, Rain 0.00. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

ANOTHER JOB FOR CORTELYOU

Representative Tawney Wants Him to Get After the Tobacco Trust With Sharp Stick.

ASKS FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

Washington, April 18.—Representative Tawney of Minnesota today introduced a resolution which after reciting that "It is charged that a large class of wholesale dealers in chewing and smoking tobacco in the United States, comprising practically all the wholesale tobacco dealers in that section of the country have suddenly and without notice or warning thrown out and discontinued the purchase and sale of all chewing and smoking tobacco manufactured and sold by certain large corporations" directs the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the cause of this action and "whether or not these conditions, if they exist, have resulted in whole or in part, from any contract or combination in the form of trust, monopoly or otherwise, or conspiracy or restraint of trade and commerce." The resolution was referred to judiciary committee. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

POLITICS IN THE HOUSE

DEMOCRATS MAKE A FIGHT ON RECENT AGE RULE IN SOLDIERS' PENSIONS.

THEY WANT IT MADE A LAW

Speaker Cannon Refused to Recognize Motion to Move An Amendment to Deficiency Appropriation Bill.

Washington, April 18.—The house today passed the last of the supply bills of the government, the general deficiency appropriation measure, after a stormy session which lasted till 8:15 this evening. The contest was party one over the deficiency appropriation for pensions, which the democrats tried ineffectively to amend by incorporating as a law the recent executive age disability pension order. An effort was made by Mr. Moan of Tennessee to secure a yeas and nays vote on his amendment as to the disability order, but the speaker refused to recognize him for this purpose. On a pro-forma motion to recommit the bill the democrats, angered by the speaker's refusal to recognize Mr. Moan, secured a roll call but after the vote had been taken no further opposition ceased and the bill passed. Late in the afternoon Mr. Hitt offered the Chinese exclusion bill, introduced Saturday as an amendment to the general deficiency bill and it was passed without objection. Several bills were passed early in the day under suspension of rules. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

THE SENATE

Continues Consideration of Sundry Civil Bill.

Washington, April 18.—The senate today continued consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill but did not complete it. A number of other bills were passed including measures ratifying agreements with Indians of Devils Lake, Rosebud and Flathead reservations, in North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. The conference report on the army appropriation bill will be considered tomorrow. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

MADE A HIT AT TAYLORVILLE

Forester Team Of Easterly Camp Feature of a Woodman Entertainment in Neighboring Town.

DRILL WAS GIVEN IN FINE STYLE

The Forester team of Easterly Camp No. 1028, M. W. A., of this city, went to Taylorville, Ill., yesterday night gave the principal part of an entertainment which was in charge of Birchwood camp No. 130 of Taylorville. The entertainment was given in the gymnasium and was a success in every way. The camp will make between \$75 and \$100 from the venture and the entertainment seemed to please the big crowd. The army, which is a good sized building, was simply packed, the gallery being full to overflowing and two rows of chairs being arranged above the floor below. The following program was given: Address by J. J. Merry, Apollo quartet Modern Woodmen, Exercises, Barbara Freiliche, by Ethel Syers and six little boys. Vocal solo, Lois Peters. Piano solo, Mary Daugherty. Recitation, Nellie Overholt. Vocal solo, Maude Glover. Vocal solo, Ruth O'Hern. Cake walk. Male quartet. Bluesque by Decatur team. Vocal solo, Ethel Rhodes. Vocal solo, Decatur team. The members of the team were George Stoy, F. O. Graham, W. G. Mottram, Fred White, James Layman, Guy Hill, Floyd Wheat, Will Prescott, Will Fletcher, Omar Cofer, James Cav, T. W. Riggers, Reese Robinson, Fred Rich, Horace Chapman and John Collins. Captain Jesse Dowell was in charge of the team and Oscar Van Hall and James Ellmore went as the camp musicians. Besides the team Charles Suttar, John Winkler, Clarence Mottram and Miss Edith and Anna Andrews, Nellie Gohart and Dora Glessner made the trip. The principal feature of the entertainment was the bluesque drill which made a hit with the crowd. Following this the regular Woodmen drill was given and it was very perfect and the team executed it to perfection. During the evening before the entertainment began the team made a little parade about the square and gave a couple of exhibition drills and helped raise a little interest among the inhabitants of the city and the regular drill was given. At the close of the evening was a social. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

BOYS FIND A BODY

Badly Decomposed Remains of a Negro Found Near South Pier of Central Bridge.

POCKETS FILLED WITH BRICKS.

Indicates That Man Took His Own Life.

The body of an unknown man was found in the Sangamon river Sunday afternoon by a party of boys. It was bloated and badly decomposed and it was only after a close examination that the fact was revealed that the remains were those of a negro. The advanced stage of decomposition and the stifling odor emitted from the corpse made a careful examination almost impossible even to those accustomed to handling dead bodies. The body was discovered near the south pier of the Illinois Central bridge. Louie Malefski, Floyd Jolly, C. I. Weaver and Albert Dowers were crossing the bridge when the first named saw the remains. He called the attention of his companions to the body and a party of men were notified. The body was a shallow water lying in the mud. The face was upturned and the arms outstretched. With the aid of poles the remains were dragged from the stream and a notice was sent to the coroner from the water works telling him of the find. The body was afterward taken to Davison and was there viewed by a number of persons, but no one was able to identify the man. It was not until some time after bringing the body in that the fact developed that the man was a negro. Decomposition had advanced to such a state that the hair and skin fell from the body when touched. It is supposed that the man committed suicide and that the body had been in the water for a long time. The man wore coarse shoes and had on an overcoat. In the pockets of this coat were a number of sticks of brick and about half an ear of corn. There was nothing by which the remains could be identified, but some of the police thought from the contents of the pockets that the man was one who stayed at the city prison several weeks and a number of cards and scraps of paper were found in the clothing. One spot on the head looked as if the man had been dealt a blow, but there was no fracture of the skull. It is impossible to say how the man met his death, but there is a possibility that he was hit by a train while crossing the bridge but there is no way of sustaining this theory. The fact that the fellow had his pockets weighted down with bricks and stones would seem to indicate that he had drowned himself. The coroner held an inquest Monday morning and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the man came to his death by drowning. The condition of the body made it impossible to hold it for further identification and the remains were sent to the poor farm and buried there yesterday. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late John W. Coughlin was held at 2:30 o'clock Monday from Grace Methodist church and was largely attended by friends of the family.

The members of Celestial Lodge No. 184, I. O. O. F., attended in a body and escorted the remains from the house to the church and from the latter place to the cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Van Cleave, the pastor of the church and the music was by the choir. There were many floral offerings. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery and the pallbearers were G. W. Lehman, W. Adams, W. W. Glessner, Louis Weiss, T. L. Antrim and A. P. Lewis. Mrs. Samuel Rhodes and Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford of Bloomington and James Wheeler and wife of Sangamon attended the funeral. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

Mrs. A. S. Bear.

The funeral of the late Mrs. A. S. Bear was held Sunday afternoon at the house on South Maffitt street and was conducted by the Royal Neighbors and at 3:30 o'clock there were services at the Bolling Springs church. Rev. F. E. Jones officiated and the music was by a quartet composed of Miss Emma Eusekirk, Miss Mattie Graves, Herman Bear and Arthur Stinebaugh. The burial was at the Bolling Springs cemetery and the pallbearers were H. W. Richards, U. G. Gile, J. H. Hall, W. Mills, J. W. Hamman and J. P. Dowell. The Russian fleet is being driven from the waters of the Pacific. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet. The Japanese will be in a position to secure a flank attack on the Russian fleet.

PERSONALS.

Richard Rule of the Linn & Scruggs force went to Petersburg Sunday via the C. & N. D. to spend the day with friends.

Margaret Bean of Springfield who has been visiting in this city returned home yesterday.

Joe Anderson of St. Louis was visiting with Miss Nellie Nitsche Sunday. Ed McDonald and wife returned yesterday after a trip to St. Louis.

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STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Begins in Decatur This Afternoon—First Session Devoted to Business.

A RECEPTION THIS EVENING.

The meeting of the state library association begins in Decatur this afternoon and will continue in session until Thursday noon. The sessions of the day morning will be of particular interest for the reason that Miss Alice Tyler will be on the program and the topics will interest the public.

The sessions are public and the stereopticon lecture at the Congregational church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock is also public. The reception at the library building following the lecture will be for visitors only.

All of the business sessions will be held in the assembly room on the second floor of the library building. Miss Katherine L. Sharp of the University of Illinois is the president and will preside.

The program for today is as follows: 1 p. m.—Council meeting. 2 p. m.—Business meeting. Address of the president, Mrs. Owen Scott, Decatur library board. Response and president's address. Report of secretary. Report of treasurer. Report of committees. Report on nominations. Street car ride and visit to Millikin university.

A reception given by Dr. and Mrs. William Barnes, 600 West Main street.

KILLED FRIEND

Paquale Frasca, Accidentally Discharged Gun While Hunting, Killing Valentine Fulgenzi.

BROTHERS OF THE DEAD BOY

Show Considerable Feeling Toward Unintentional Cause of Fatality.

Valentine Fulgenzi was accidentally shot and killed Sunday by his friend, Paquale Frasca, while the two with Loretta Antonacci were hunting along the river. They are all Italians and work in the coal mine at Niantic. Both the victims of the shooting and the one who had the gun in his hands are about twenty years of age. They were friends and came from Calascio, Italy, had known each other all their life and with Antonacci lived together in one of the coal company houses at Niantic.

Fulgenzi was walking ahead of Frasca. The latter had a single barrel breech gun to load it and after putting in the shell he shut it suddenly and the shell was discharged. The charge was No. 3 shot and most of it went into Fulgenzi's head. The young man was unconscious and never called for help. Dr. Alonzo Hall was called to attend him at Niantic, but nothing could be done and Fulgenzi died several hours after he was shot. The accident happened about 2 p. m. Sunday near Niantic.

Deputy coroner Fred Perry held an inquest Sunday night and the boy who did the shooting was exonerated of any blame.

Brothers Angry. The three brothers of the dead man came from Riverton. They were very angry and had some trouble with the men all carried knives.

The brothers were not allowed to come in contact with the boy who did the shooting as it was feared that they might do him some harm. Charles Bervenuto, who is of Italian blood and speaks that language and English, acted as interpreter at the inquest and helps the other Italians in transacting business. He said that he would take the boy who did the shooting to his house for a few days to protect him so that if the brothers intended to harm they would not have any chance to carry it out.

The gun which caused the death is a ill-fated one. Another man some years ago was accidentally killed with the same gun and it is also responsible for the injury of another man. After making his first appearance before the public, Professor Hilliard was assisted in his piano recital by Mrs. Carol Leos Tooker, mezzo soprano, and Harrington Johnston, violin.

The assembly hall as on the two previous occasions was completely filled and the large audience expressed their interest in the excellent program by the hearty manner in which they applauded each number.

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A DEATH AT BLUE MOUND

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HE HAD BEEN ILL SOME TIME.

Spent All His Life in Macon County.

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Sixth Ward—Wm. S. Smith.  
Seventh Ward—S. L. Payne.  
Nineteenth Congressional Convention.  
A republican convention for the 19th congressional district is hereby called to meet at Clinton Wednesday, May 18th, at 12 noon, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for member of congress, to select a congressional committee and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.  
The basis of representation in said convention shall be one delegate for each 300 votes cast for the republican candidate for congress in each of the counties comprising the district at the election in 1902. On this basis each county is entitled to the following delegates.  

| Counties   | Vote  | Del. |
|------------|-------|------|
| Champaign  | 4,907 | 16   |
| DeWitt     | 3,870 | 12   |
| Coles      | 2,498 | 8    |
| Douglas    | 2,137 | 7    |
| Macoupin   | 4,860 | 16   |
| Montgomery | 3,417 | 11   |
| Platt      | 2,194 | 7    |
| Shelby     | 2,482 | 8    |

  
Total .....78  
Delegates shall be elected in such manner as the republican county central committee in each county may direct.  
**FRANK C. ROBY,** Chairman.  
**CHARLES G. ECKHART,** Sec.  
Don't fail to vote on Thursday.  
The street cleaning force are to be "white wings."  
The weather man should label his spring weather.  
Winter appears to be starting in pretty early this year.  
Makaroff was able and good looking enough to have been an American.  
This is the fiercest spring within memory of the famous old inhabitant.  
It is about the time of year to open our gold plated \$500 tool house in Central Park.  
Russia is minus an effective fleet in Oriental waters. She will need to keep close to shore.  
Democrats only make a contest in two wards, but it is important for republicans to vote everywhere.  
Have democrats forgotten who put Jeff Davis in chains? Gen. Miles would never be popular in the south.  
Congress wants to adjourn April 28 so as to be at the opening of the St. Louis exposition two days later.  
The Iowa coal strike is settled. Both sides yielded. Both sides are the gainers.  
Decatur is to entertain the librarians this week. These people may be a little bookish, but they are very practical as well.  
Recently a ship landed at New York with 500 animals for the St. Louis exposition. This looked something like a modern Noah's Ark.  
If Cleveland is not a candidate why should he get red in the face with rage when he is accused to being courteous to a negro?  
Colorado seems to be in a state of chronic mias. No one seems to know just why it is so. It is doubtful if the participants do.  
Bloomington is getting up an interurban of her own. It would be easy to get a franchise there. They want the interurban; so do we.  
The death of Vice Admiral Makaroff is Russia's greatest loss. She can buy and build battleships but a naval genius like Makaroff is a product of a century.

Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, the preacher-reformer of New York, is 82 years old today. He is a man of wonderful mental vigor and sturdy manliness.  
Capt. Cowles, commander of the unfortunate Missouri, is a brother-in-law of President Roosevelt. The president's lack does not appear to run in his wife's family.  
The beautiful clear streets of Decatur are the remark of every visitor. The same progressive policy should continue. Every republican should see that he votes Tuesday.

what will it cost Hearst to be president? Those who answered "How old was Ann?" can solve this riddle.  
Decatur will be proud of her beautiful library building during the session of the librarians this week. It will be the first Carnegie building in which the state library association has convened.  
Indifference generally leads to disaster. Therefore don't forget to vote at the city election. This will be the last skirmish before the battle in November. Republicans should be on the firing line.  
The present speaker, Uncle Joe Cannon, is the most democratic of any speaker in fifty years of either party. He is approachable by the humblest as easily as by the mightiest. For plain American horse sense Mr. Cannon is justly distinguished.  
The cool weather makes us shiver a little but it is good for the farmer. It keeps off rain and will enable him to get his oats in the ground. For other things there is plenty of time. "Garden sassa" may be delayed a little, but it will come in all its greenness and tenderness very soon.  
Mr. Carnegie has gone out of the line of libraries and church organs to reduce himself to poverty so that he may not be disgraced by dying rich. He gives \$5,000,000 to be known as "The Hero Fund." It is for the "dependents" of those losing their lives in heroic efforts to save their fellow men or for the heroes themselves if injured only.  
J. Pierpont Morgan is 67 years old today. Few men have been more thorough Napoleons of finance than he. Recently, however, he has been jostled about a good deal by one John D. Rockefeller, another oily capital acquirer. A good deal of the time lately Morgan's crown as the American Money King is not on very straight.  
The Continental Congress, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets in the National Capitol the coming week. This is a gathering of representative women from all parts of the United States. Mrs. Senator Fairbanks is the national regent. There will be something doing in Washington this week. Should Speaker Cannon and his unruly congressmen need a few pointers in running a deliberative body they should step over to Chase's theater on Pennsylvania avenue and let the Revolutionary ladies show them the more approved methods of parliamentary practice.  
A Washington correspondent says that the passengers on the car that reaches the senate wing of the Capitol were somewhat surprised during the hard storm the other afternoon to see the well-known figure of Speaker Cannon running a race with the rain. When he reached the shelter of the car a congressman asked him why he didn't carry an umbrella.  
"Oh!" said the speaker, "I never carry umbrellas. If I had one, I would lose it between here and the depot."  
Mr. Cannon was wet almost to the skin, but he seemed entirely unconscious of the fact. He crossed his legs and introduced himself to a passenger sitting beside him, at once beginning a conversation after the manner of men of an elder and gentler day.  
**A FAULTY MEMORY.**  
The Champaign Gazette's memory is evidently the kind defined by the school boy when he said "Your memory is the thing you forget with." Our neighbor says, "The most pretentious and striking thing in the recent appearance of the newspaper world is the appearance of the 'Press' of Binghamton, N. Y., the first number of which, bearing date April 11, is just at hand. It is a 44-page publication freely illustrated and printed in the highest style of modern newspaper production. Binghamton had a population of only about 40,000 in 1900 and nothing short of a community of the most active and progressive character could justify such a great newspaper venture as this paper indicates."  
The Decatur Herald published a 44-page edition three years ago in regular course of its business. Thirty-two, thirty-six and forty page editions have been frequently made necessary by the business activity of Decatur with a population not exceeding 25,000. The Binghamton paper, no doubt, made special effort for its initial number. The Decatur Herald simply prints large editions to accommodate the enterprising business men of this city who have demonstrated that success can only come through newspaper publicity. The Champaign Gazette is itself an excellent illustration of newspaper enterprise, but it has a bad memory about its neighbors. That's all.  
**SEPARATE PROPOSITIONS.**  
At the election next Tuesday the voters are called upon to ballot on three separate propositions. They are as follows:  
1. For the adoption of the provisions of an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in all cities and towns having a population of not less than 7,000 and not more than 100,000, and prescribing the duties of such board.  
2. For the annexation of the following described territory, to-wit: Beginning at the center of the intersection of North Monroe street and West Pugh street, in the City of Decatur, Illinois, running thence north in the center of said North First street, thence north in the center of said North First street, thence west in the center of said East William street, thence south in the center of said North Jasper street, thence south in the center of said North Jasper street to the place of beginning, said territory being situated in the county of Macon and state of Illinois.  
**THE COAL TRUST NEXT.**  
Once more the government trusts. In an investigation of a so-called trust. The victory this time comes from the decision of the United States supreme court, requiring the various anthracite railroad companies to produce books and contracts which will throw light upon the arrangement between them and the coal companies whereby freight rates and the prices of fuel are fixed. The immediate beneficiary is the Interstate Commerce Commission, as the decision confirms that body in its claim that it must have access to documents which it believes may aid in the solution of problems brought before it. The importance of this point can hardly be exaggerated. Had the ruling of the United States Circuit Court been sustained, the commission would have been practically hampered in its work, if not actually transformed into a useless body.  
For years it has been openly charged and commonly believed that the anthracite interests are in a combination to restrain interstate commerce. There is a little independent production in the coal fields, but it is without influence in the market. Every month a certain group of men meet in New York and fix prices at which coal is to be sold to dealers. Only a few days ago these men announced the schedule for April and intimated that there would be an advance of ten cents a ton a month until September as has been the practice for several years. The monopoly is virtually complete and it is needless to say that its operation has added enormously to the cost of living in the aggregate.  
Perhaps the anthracite trust will continue in business whatever is disclosed by this investigation, but it will be generally acknowledged that the prospects for learning the truth regarding its practices and for a Federal suit against it under the Sherman anti-trust law are brighter than ever before.  
**NOT ADVERTISED.**  
If the St. Louis exposition is a failure it will be because so little has been done to advertise it. Within two weeks of the opening 99 out of 100 people do not know even that such a show is to be given. The concessionaires have formally demanded of the management that \$1,000,000 be spent in publicity through the newspapers and otherwise. So far little or nothing has been done to bring the great fair to public notice. The newspapers have been regarded as "easy" and anxious to donate paper to the fair. All that has been paid but those who can reach the public have accepted the fair matters purely as news. They have declined to be "worked." At the very opening the fair is confronted with a great exhibition but aside from the railroads and the individual exhibitors there has been no apparent effort to bring it before the people. The exposition management ought to have learned that no business can thrive unless you thoroughly advertise.  
**STILL SLAVERY.**  
I thought Lincoln abolished slavery in 1862, on September 22, says a writer in the New York Press. Perhaps there was some misunderstanding about it. You may read nearly every day about men being bought and sold by baseball associations. Here is a man in Saint Louis, a useful player who has a wife and children and owns a comfortable home. He is bought for \$8,000, and must leave his property and family to come to New York. Of course he may sell out and bring his folks here. There is no law against that. And, having settled down in New York he may be sold to Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, anywhere! He is a mere chattel, a slave with a price on his head, and can be moved about at the will of his master.  
During the consideration of the Philippine shipping bill in the house recently, one of the ballots was taken on a feature of the measure that aroused some little partisan feeling among the members. Speaker Cannon did not realize this fact until he put the question: "All in favor, etc." A chorus of very faint perfunctory ayes came from the republican side of the chamber. "All opposed will say 'No,'" the speaker continued, and much to his surprise a perfect thunder of noes rolled in from the democratic side. "The noes appear to have it," the speaker announced, "at least they seem to make the most noise." Before he could go any further a "divulsion" was demanded, and on a count of noes, it was found that the republican votes won easily. "It was more sound than votes. Just like the democrats always," remarked the speaker, as he went on with the business of the measure.  
The victims of the Missouri disaster will care little for fixing the responsibility. Still it is as well to know who was at fault. Possibly no one was. It may be one of those things that just happen.  
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than last. Nearly every street in the business section was in a chronic state of turmoil all through the spring and summer of 1903. Heating pipes, telephone cables and other below surface fixtures were going underground to get out of the way of the pavers. Then came the tearing up and relaying of the Green River asphalt on Main and Prairie and the paving of Water. Putting all things together the downtown section was almost impassable most of the summer. Happily this is over. Some resurfacing will be done this season but it is enough out of the way of the rush of travel as to be of little inconvenience.  
Here is an available democratic ticket. There is a Williams in Mississippi mentioned for president. He is the present able and successful minority leader in the house of representatives. Then there is that Illinois Williams, "Our Bob" who is a candidate as a sort of a stay to the Hearst boom. Why not make the ticket read John Sharp Williams of Mississippi for President and James Robert Williams of Illinois for vice president. If thought best reverse the head and tail. They would be harmless either way. Williams and Williams should be the ticket.  
Springfield claims 58,000 population as shown by the directory man. In 1900 Uncle Sam's census showed 34,159. This would be a gain of about 24,000 in four years or a percentage of about 66. Any man who would believe that any city situated as the Illinois capital is should make such gains, should be bored for the similes or sent to an idiot asylum. The boom towns in their palmy days had no such wild dreams as this. The directory man must have figured out this growth the next morning.  
Whether D. J. Sully won or lost was in one sense a thing of small consequence, but the mischief wrought by the transient success of such meteoric gamblers in the commercial world is very great and widespread. Everything in the country suffers something by the example of such men. Sully is nothing, but the men dragged down in the vortex when the Sully ship sinks are a multitude. The money they have lost may be small, but the aggregate of misery is very great, for it generally means a lost business reputation, if not a robbed trust fund. That is the curse of this commercial gambling, whether in stocks, or cotton, or wheat, or copper.  
That the law is but enacted common sense is shown in the decision of Judge Johns in refusing a mandamus to compel another saloon on Merchant street. If the council has the right to refuse to grant all licenses it can revoke a license for good reasons, or for no reason, for that matter, its discretion cannot be invaded when it declines to issue a license.  
Judge Parker is now the foremost possibility before the St. Louis convention. The New York jurist would make an eminently respectable candidate. Having no opinions on public questions or at least never having expressed any, he would be a very handy candidate. He could take any side of any question with no fear of being confronted with a record of inconsistency.  
This is the 39th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln. On April 15th, 1865 the great soul of Lincoln went to God who loaned it temporarily to earth. An April 9 Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox and the event for which Lincoln so longed and so fervently prayed was at hand—peace between the warring sections. The assassin's bullet robbed the president of the joy of peace and a restored union.  
Judge Parker favors the closed mouth in the presidential candidates whatever he may think about the open shop. No man knows what Parker thinks on any public question. His platform appears to be a reflection of his sponsor David B. Hill. "I am a democrat."  
Theodore Nelson thinks that the intimation that Hearst is using money to buy delegates is all rot. Of course it is. Theodore is just out because he thinks Hearst the best qualified democrat in the country. Then Theodore's health is not the most robust and he needed a vacation.  
Coal dealers at Terre Haute have reduced the price of coal on all varieties except those which people use. Decatur coal men have not done even that. What use was there to require miners to take less for their labor if it did not result in some relief from present exorbitant prices to the consumer?  
A Danville woman has just cremated herself in her own home. She poured coal oil on the fire out of the can. She was burned a few minutes. The house was lived down, also. Crematories are unnecessary for those who heed the warnings of the foolish ones gone before.  
Chicago is talking about buying the street railways and is so nearly bankrupt that it has not money enough to clean the streets. Its taxation is up to the constitutional limit. Municipal ownership of railroads would require many, many millions. Chicago will probably conclude not to invest.  
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will not contribute to the campaign fund if Roosevelt is the candidate. Carnegie says he will lay down a cool million himself.  
Only a few days ago the Missouri and Illinois crashed together and both were more or less disabled. Uncle Sam's war vessels should see that they give themselves more room for their maneuvers. Now the Missouri blows itself up. Are they studying Russian naval tactics?  
Because only aldermen are to be elected next Tuesday the city election promises to be a rather tame affair. Every republican however should see that no rights or advantages are lost by indifference.  
Webb threatens to go democratic if Roosevelt is nominated in the face of this calamity the republican party is rushing madly on to its doom. Wont some one kindly head Davis off?  
The Bloomers and Decatur are starting out to have a nice time this summer. Kinlock's umpiring is like his playing—dirty. He has not thrown the ball away yet this year.  
The season for mutilating the shade trees is almost over. These mute sentinels of man's comfort and enjoyment are now reasonably safe from tree trimming vandals for another year.  
Cochran of New York is for Grover. To Cochran of Missouri, Grover is as a red rag to a mad bull. So is Grover. There is democratic harmony.  
The latest hero is Monson. He rushed in at the great peril of his life and saved the battleship Missouri and its crew from destruction. Captain Cowles did some heroic work himself.  
Do you recall the stirring scenes of this time one year ago? The city election was tearing up the town. Shilling and Springer and their friends were very busy people. Delightful Decatur.  
Eastern papers say that Parker is as good as nominated notwithstanding that Theodore Nelson and a whole band wagon load of Illinois democrats are for Hearst.  
Is life worth living? Of course it is. The league base ball season opened yesterday. The Three Eye will be along soon.  
The last gasp of the Canal crowd has been gasped. The supreme court affirmed the decision enjoining the appropriation of \$150,000 for the "tadpole ditch" alias the Illinois and Michigan Canal.  
Senator Burton's pair is still in force in the United States senate. Perhaps his six months' imprisonment may serve to release the senator with whom he is paired.  
Grover Cleveland thinks he sees in the support of Judge Parker by the New York democrats evidence of a "return to sanity." But will the patient stay cured?  
In reference to Parker, Bryan says that his party will not nominate him? But this might be better than the lot of the last two campaigns.  
One of the problems confronting this country is this. What shall be done with Panama after she has "blown in" those \$10,000,000?  
In their campaign for governor Lowden and Chicago are having the kind of a time in Chicago that Gen. Sherman said war was.  
An English preacher has startled his congregations by denouncing the bible. He should read the old book a little and he will know more.  
Wanted—some one to name an office under the federal government for which former Secretary Root has not been exploited.  
Perhaps Mr. Bryan regards Connecticut justice of the wooden nutmeg variety.  
Any one might have known that the name "Missouri" would have been a hooker.  
Hookey Hobson lacked 400 votes in his race for congress. He is young and will keep.  
The hero of Santiago will be free to go on with his lecturing campaign at the Chautauque this summer.  
Give Russia a chance and Japan will not need to fire a gun or blow up a ship. Russia will do it all for her.  
The senate has so neglected its duty that smooth will sit as a delegate in the national republican convention.  
The council should go very slowly in granting franchises but it should go. Decatur wants the interurban.  
The Roosevelt boys, Kermit and Theodore Jr., have the mumps. Sensational news item.  
The state library association here next week will be the first time, meet in a Carnegie building.  
I guess Parker is not nominated already yet. I am in the running.  
—Gen. Nelson A. Miles.  
If all the plans are carried out it will be "Decatur, the city beautiful" or in other words, Delightful Decatur.  
The crack of the bat is now the sweet music of the baseball crack.  
Two Russians will blow their own heads off before this thing is over.  
The Missouri battleship disaster is now the talk of the place.

**DEMOCRATS OF NEW YORK**  
Are Gathering At Albany For the State Convention Which Meets Monday.  
**SPECULATE ON THE DELEGATES**  
Albany, N. Y., April 18.—The democrats are gathering here tonight in anticipation of the state convention Monday. It is practically settled that the delegates-at-large to the national convention will be former Senator Hill of Albany and Murphy of Troy, James W. Ridgeway, of Brooklyn and Congressman Bourke Cochran of New York.  
Chairman Campbell of the state committee, today transmitted a letter to demand upon Wm. E. Dickinson of Detroit, who was quoted yesterday as saying that Judge Alton B. Parker, prominently mentioned as the choice of New York state democracy for the presidential nomination, was in charge of the democratic state campaign in 1888, when Hill was elected governor and Cleveland lost the state. Campbell says Parker has not participated in politics since 1888 when he was elected to the supreme court and demands that Dickinson correct the error.  
Dickinson Draws Back.  
Washington April 18.—The Post tonight received a telegram from Don M. Dickinson, of Detroit, saying that on receipt of Chairman Campbell's telegram, he telegraphed Judge Parker withdrawing the statement he has made concerning Parker. He says the statement was "dated on innocent misinformation as to date."  
A Card.  
I desire to call the attention of my many patients and any other sufferers who may want to consult me that I will be at Decatur Tuesday, April 26. In my 11 years practice in your city I have always enjoyed a liberal patronage. My sole effort has been to relieve suffering humanity and I must say I have been unusually successful. Many times during my visits here different so-called speculators have tried to share my practice but they have failed. They would advertise to make regular visits, or locate permanently, throw out all manner of catch penny schemes to get business, get what money they could and leave for new fields. I hope the action of these frauds and fakirs have not caused any one to classify me with them. I have treated hundreds of cases since I began here and can refer to any of them as to what I did for them. If you want proof of what I say call upon me and I will furnish list.  
Respectfully,  
J. S. Appleman, M. D.  
**FOREIGN SHIPPING WARNED**  
Limits Prescribed At New Chwang and Wiju.  
New Chwang, April 18.—The authorities have warned shipping not to anchor within five miles below or one mile above the fort here on account of mines. They have also forbidden any activity on the river at night.  
The conditions and regulations surrounding shipping in the Yalu are practically the same as at New Chwang.  
The Chinese report that the Japanese are occupying Wiju.  
The average woman talks so fast that she hasn't time to stop and think.

**ALL DETAILS COMPLETED**  
FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE PANAMA CANAL TO THE UNITED STATES.  
**SIGN CONTRACT SATURDAY**  
Stockholders in Canal Company Show Disposition to be Fair and Straightforward in the Negotiations.  
Paris, April 18.—All papers necessary for the transfer of the Panama canal to the United States are completed. They include lengthy inventories and schedules of property belonging to the company, both in Panama, here and elsewhere. These have been carefully gone over and checked up by W. A. Day and Charles W. Russell, (assistant attorney's general, who came from Washington to assist in the transfer of the property) and officers of the company. (The most important paper is the contract for the sale. This sets forth all preliminary negotiations between the United States and the company, leading up to the transfer, and the final ratification of the transfer by the stockholders of the company. The consideration is stated to be \$40,000,000. The signing of the contract will occur immediately after Saturday. However as the meeting probably will last until late, the signing may go over until Monday. President Bo will sign for the company.  
It is said at the American embassy that reports that the company sought to increase the purchase price are unwarranted. On the contrary the American officials pay a tribute to the straightforwardness shown by the officers of the company throughout the negotiations, and declare there has not been the slightest effort to make the United States pay more than was originally agreed upon.  
When a woman hasn't any money she can always know where to go shopping.  
In this world there is not much use for the what-is-the-use-man.  
To Mothers in This Town.  
Children who are delicate feverish and cross will get immediate relief from Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. They cleanse the stomach, act on the liver, making a certain child strong and healthy. A certain cure for worms. Sold by all druggists, 25c Sample free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.  
Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease? Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Painful Smarting, Hot Swollen feet. At all druggists and Shoe stores, 25c.  
**PARKER'S HAIR BALM**  
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes its growth. Prevents itching scalp. Cures dandruff. Keeps the scalp cool and healthy. Hair falls out.

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New York, J. Herald.—As the nation is one of thought your report in hearing are admitted. A few morning at the Battery the bay to Ellis government bureau is located. As we pulled several man to the pier a grants, five or seen at every straining at the deck. These for men called from awaiting inspection. Passing into was found to be pens by stout long aisles were arranged as new ing to their n. Poles, one for Macedonians, purpose of sim interpreters. Nearly all of huge bundles have filled a come off the stairway of the large American it is the first t pass to the m lines. The first and notes their eyes for the for the con- omr, in doing lida inside on the immigrants pausing only a Inspector. The picious about  
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## BOARD POLITICS

Supervisors Meet Tomorrow To Organize and Determine the Question of a Chairman.

## TWO CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD.

City Has One and the County Will Present Another.

The members of the board of supervisors will meet Monday for the purpose of organization. The most important business and that which is of the most interest to the public is the election of a chairman. There is little doubt to be done.

The chairman of the board appoints the different committees who serve through the year and also acts as chairman of the board of review so the office is one which concerns the public and of the city supervisors.

There was talk of a number of candidates some weeks ago but the contest for the chairmanship has now narrowed down to two men, Supervisor E. G. Allen of Decatur is a candidate and his opponent is Supervisor W. T. J. Cooper of Friends Creek township.

Mr. Allen is the city candidate and Mr. Cooper is the county candidate. The democrats will probably not have a candidate so there will not be any division along the line of a party vote.

It is understood that Mr. Allen will receive all of the city members supporting him. There are twenty-six members of the board and consequently fourteen are necessary to elect. Most of the country members who are republicans probably will vote for Mr. Cooper but there is a question as to how the democrats will vote and also a question it is said as to how all the country members will vote. Mr. Allen needs only four of the country members to elect him.

It is claimed by the city supervisors that the chairmanship should go to Decatur. This is the first time it has been the custom with the board for a long time past to alternate, giving a country member the office of chairman one time and a city member the next time. This is a rule but it has been generally followed since Mr. Decatur members say that the city is at this time entitled to the chairmanship.

There has arisen a good deal of feeling over the matter of chairmanship. Decatur now has ten of the twenty-six supervisors and in the course of time the city will have a majority on the board. It is said by some of the city members that if the county members vote to stand solidly against the city now it will be but a short time before the city will have control of the board and can follow the policy or disregarding the country members' studies.

The contest for chairman this time will be a warmer one than usual. Last year when Mr. Hurlburt was elected chairman the city members agreed that the chairmanship should go to the county and Mr. Hurlburt was elected without much trouble but this time the Decatur supervisors show signs of making a fight.

## FOR CLEANER STREETS

Mattoon Women Donate Banquet Funds for Paper Baskets.

The ladies reading club is the first of the Mattoon Women's Council that it will do its share toward the betterment of Mattoon.

The members have voted to abandon the banquet feature of their annual social gathering, soon to be held. The council has decided to depend for the fund will be turned over to the Improvement Committee of the Woman's Council.

There are twenty members in the ladies reading club. Recently it was the custom for each to contribute a dollar each to defray the cost of the banquet. This year each member will contribute the same amount as usual, but at a meeting of the club held Friday night it was resolved that the money should go toward carrying out the Improvement Committee's projects.

## EASTERN ILLINOIS INTERURBAN.

Champaign-Danville Time Table, Rates, Patronage and Other.

The Danville, Urbana & Champaign railway is one of the few central Illinois interurbans it has been in very successful operation for some time. It has a large passenger traffic and the opportunity to ask the president and general manager W. B. McKinley of Champaign, some questions about this system, with the following result:

Q. How long has the line been in operation? A. Since the first of January, 1904. Q. How long has it been in operation? A. Since the first of January, 1904. Q. How long has it been in operation? A. Since the first of January, 1904.

## HEARD AT BLUE MOUND.

Mueller's New Whistle Has Great Carrying Power.

Engineer Staffed at the Mueller factory received a letter the other morning from a friend at Blue Mound stating that the new whistle at the factory could be heard plainly at Blue Mound. The new whistle is not quite as loud as the old one but it has more of a pleasant sound and has been working for weeks people have been wondering where the new sound came from. Another new whistle will be placed at the factory in a short time.

## BURGLARY AT TUSCULOA.

Police Here Noted to Watch for the Thieves.

Sheriff Baker of Tusculoa has notified the police in Decatur that a store at Tusculoa was robbed and five suits of clothes, revolvers and other goods stolen.

The local police were asked to keep a watch for the goods as they pass.

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## STEADY ADVANCE

During the Current Week the Wholesale Price of Irish Potatoes Has Advanced Fifteen Cents.

## ALL VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

Are Scarce and the Prices Have Been Increased Accordingly.

The reports of the commission men are not pleasing to the man with a short purse looking for something to eat. Not only the extras but the necessities are getting ever higher in price.

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## BRAINS ABOUT THE CHEAPEST

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That there is nothing in the world so cheap as brains has, of course, become a proverb. An immense amount of attention has been directed of late to classifying the various trades in various trades with comparison to the cost of living. The government bureau of statistics and the labor unions have served to make the income of the individual member of the various professions a matter of fact, are full of surprises. There is probably no profession in which the compensations measured in the most practical way vary so widely as in that of medicine.

Public opinion is all wrong, or nearly so. It is safe to say, in its judgment in this matter. The average physician, especially in large cities, is commonly supposed to be moderately wealthy, while few of them are actually poor. As a matter of fact, physicians rarely have much property at their death, and are actually buried at the expense of their friends. The case will be recalled of a physician, well known in New York, leaving an estate of \$4,000. His case is not unusual one.

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